

NEWS OF NEW YORK

The Two Big Young Men of Massachusetts State.

IT'S A CITY OF CONTRASTS

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One knows that Hon. William E. Barrett, of Massachusetts, is a most extraordinary young man better than myself. I knew him when he was a schoolboy with a peach blossom cheek. How he is bearded like a

When Mr. Barrett left college he applied for a job on one Boston paper, stating his expectations as to pay at five dollars per week. I may add, his application was refused. He tried at another office, had better luck, became a Washington correspondent, then editor of the Advertiser and Record, speaker of the house and all sorts of

The whole trouble seems to be that Barrett's ancestors, instead of coming in the Mayflower and stopping in Massachusetts, came in 1830 and leisurely trundled on to New Hampshire, and that he himself graduated from Dartmouth instead of Harvard. This is something not to be forgiven on Beacon street.

All the same, Mr. Barrett and Gov. Russell - or, rather, Gov. Russell and Mr. Barrett - are two young fellows worth watching in opposing political camps.

What a city of contrasts is this! You can pay five thousand dollars a year for an apartment in the Navarino flats, or four dollars a month for one

You can get champagne cocktails in Broadway, and a very tall and very frothy schooner of beer with free lunch for three cents on the Bowery.

You can pay one thousand dollars for the contents of an ordinary stock market boom - or you can live on seven cents a day and not know the where.

The lawyer and the millionaire meet at the corner.

The three richest men and estates in the world, bar one, are represented on Fifth avenue within one mile. And out of a million and a half people, a million and a quarter are living in tenements and cheap flats, absolutely unfit for human habitation.

What a monstrous and unendurable thing is a great city!

De Americanos.

A modest scientist, Prof. Putnam, of Harvard, is going to show to Americans that Chicago men about our

There are a good many Americans who know all about the Swiss lake dwellers and

nothing about the American cliff dwellers. So Putnam will have the cliff dwellers on exhibition in great style.

I don't know how many people I've heard say they were glad as patriots, however sorry they might be as New Yorkers, that the fair is to be held in the very midst of the country. It will result in an absolutely beneficial diffusion of knowledge about our own country.

On the other hand, the folks in Kansas City, Minneapolis and Omaha, friends of Chicago, are very vigorously looking themselves for having voted for Chicago when the question of the location of the fair was settled.

The president of a big bank in Kansas City told me this very emphatically. He said that Kansas City and other western cities were very sorry now that New York didn't get the fair. Chicago is getting too much advertising to suit them, the west in general and Chicago.

Barrett's queer copy turvy in opinion, isn't it? Perhaps Kansas City will be convinced when it learns that visitors from "herin" parts are likely to be as much interested in Prof. Putnam's prehistoric Yankees as in Chicago's magnificent newness.

Bachelor's Rooms.

In the delightful portals of our youth we used to read about the feminine touch in room decoration.

The old order changeth.

The newsletter of 1900 will write: "In five James Barry's apartments the most careless eye could not fail to note those touches of home decoration which none but in a very rare hand can give."

The girl bachelor, simply unimpaired in it with the men bachelor, also as room decorators, partly because they aren't so original and more because they haven't the money.

Give a man \$5,000 or \$10,000 a year in New York and the chances are he'll be just as much interested to know that he can't get married on that. He will hire bachelor quarters for about \$100

a month, share them with another young man of kindred tastes at an expensive restaurant and blow in a considerable surplus in art decorations of one sort and another until at the expiration of some years the rooms are marvellously pretty.

The rooms of a young magazine editor on Fifth avenue are a case in point. A number of his friends called upon him one day, each bringing a fancy plaque or jug. Promptly he constructed a special frieze, underneath which these were hung against a marble background. On a shelf above them, running entirely around the room, are other expensive bits of bric-a-brac. In the front room, facing the avenue, a man of many travels has hung up decorative compositions of African war clubs and other beautiful and ugly things. In the room behind are the beds of the unfortunate young colts.

A screen separates them. The room is twenty-three feet wide, high and airy, the three open on a suite. The editor of one of the trade publications has a workroom that is a poem. It is lighted from above. The walls are cleverly treated in color, an open fire illuminates the room, rare etchings and water colors line the walls. Customers like to see it.

The cost must have been considerable, but the shrewd young fellow who sits and all this grandeur tells me that as a business investment it pays out per cent.

Tennis in Crinolines.

Crinolines, if it comes, will give employment to one hundred thousand extra workmen and women, for which I should be thankful, as one of the good things which drift about even in an ill wind.

But what a long face the dealers in athletic goods are pulling! "Think of playing tennis in crinolines," said a dealer in sporting goods.

"I can't think of it," was my reply. "That's just it," he said, viciously kicking his heels against the counter, "you can't do it. It's a fact that makes of lawn tennis goods have restricted their output greatly this year, waiting to see which way the cat will jump, and sales are dull all along the line. Same, I suppose, with side saddles, rowing boats, canoes and everything that would make girls stronger, happier and better wives and mothers."

What's one man's meat is the next man's poison, isn't it?

Plagiarism? Bosh!

Ask a theatrical man what he thinks about the charge of plagiarism laid against Bronson Howard and he'll answer: "Bosh!"

This talk about plagiarism in dramatic matters is getting tiresome. Bronson Howard stands admittedly at the head of the play-writing profession in America. If we had a national academy like that of France he would be the first member admitted from the great dramatic element. A quiet, unassuming man, scholarly and retiring, he kept the American drama up to a respectable level when false comedies and leg shows came dangerously near dividing the American stage.

Have we an American drama now? Have we, thanks to no one more than to him.

In the South.

Here's a comparative chronological price list of some lands near Hartman, Tenn., illustrating the rise and fall of the southern land boom:

1898, \$80 an acre; 1900, \$100 per front foot of a "city lot"; 1929, \$20 an acre.

This was ordinary farm land, not built upon or near anything in particular to give it value.

Bostonian investors were badly bitten in the downfall of the boom. One of the boom settlements near Chattanooga has all the street names picked out of the Boston directory except two - Mississippi avenue and Sever street.

I know a real estate speculator, a pretty decent kind of a chap, too, who used to own an iron working plant, a rolling mill or something of that kind. There were a good many castles of machinery and he moved it from place to place, he tells me, more than a dozen times. Unprincipled boomers would hire him to exhibit it "for full operation" at some paper city, until enough town lots had been sold, when he would move to another corner of the wilderness and the same bunco game would begin again. This sort of thing was bad for the south. It has stopped, and the people down there pray that it may never begin again. Things are at a standstill now, but the vast possibilities of the south are still undeveloped.

DAVID WEINMAN.

He Was Gamed.

A man stepped into a sewing machine establishment on Wabash avenue yesterday morning and bought a package of needles.

"How much?" he asked the clerk. "Thirty-five cents."

The customer left leisurely in his right vest pocket.

Then he tried the left pocket. One vest pocket, he instituted a search in the right hand pocket of his trousers. Then the other pocket.

MEDICS ARE AT WAR

Dr. Groner Says Dr. Pressy Slandered Him.

HE WANTS \$10,000 DAMAGES

Result of the Expulsion of Dr. Groner From the Academy of Medicine. Dr. Pressy Arrested.

The late unpleasantness in the medical profession has developed into a great big lawsuit. Dr. Groner, who was expelled from the medical association, has had Dr. Pressy arrested for slander and places his damages at \$10,000. Not long ago the medicine men held a banquet, at which the liquid refreshments were plentiful. A short time later Dr. Pressy stated that he heard a member of the society call another member a very bad name. The society appointed a committee to investigate the matter and found that Dr. Groner was accused of getting drunk at the banquet, calling Dr. G. K. Johnson names. The committee after hearing the testimony in the case reported to the academy of medicine without recommendation, but the testimony was considered in committee of the whole and Dr. Groner was expelled.

Dr. Groner says the statements made by Dr. Pressy were false and he can prove it. Yesterday he swore out a warrant for Dr. Pressy, who was arrested and placed under \$1,000 bonds, with Dr. DeVore and W. H. Hoskins as sureties. The arrest caused great excitement in medical circles yesterday and is expected to cause greater excitement before it is settled.

Fred Leonard's Guardian.

L. H. Withey filed a bond of \$100,000 in probate court yesterday as guardian of Fred H. Leonard. The sureties are T. D. Gilbert, Fred Leetigert, Samuel Sears, J. M. Barnett, E. A. Gorham, R. B. Woodcock, Henry Idema, T. S. White, S. E. Jenks, H. J. Hollister, D. D. Cody, A. D. Rathbone, J. W. Champlin, N. L. Avery and D. H. Waters. Letters were at once issued to Mr. Withey as guardian.

Minor Court Notes.

Mabel Smith has been granted a decree of divorce from her husband, George Smith, on the ground of cruelty and non-support. The decree was signed by Judge Adair and permits her to assume her maiden name, Mabel Clark.

Milton M. Perry, appointed as administrator of the estate of Rochus Vandenberg, refused to act and Florentina Vandenberg was appointed to the place. The estate is valued at \$14,000.

The petition of Della Osterhout and E. Crofton Fox, guardians of G. W. Osterhout, to sell real estate valued at \$17,500, was granted yesterday.

Circuit Court.

JUDGE GROVE - In the matter of a petit jury, ordered that thirty-six jurors be drawn for the May term.

JUDGE ADAIR - William Lewendaski vs. H. I. Turner et al., trespass on the case; on trial.

ASKING FOR WATER.

Board of Public Works Receive Many Petitions.

D. H. Armstrong appeared before the board with a petition from residents on Carleton street, Lake avenue, Robinson avenue and Richard Terrace avenue asking that the grade line of Lake avenue, from Fuller street to Wealthy avenue, be improved. The members of the board will visit the streets next Friday.

Residents on Richard terrace asked for a water main in that street. Referred to general superintendent.

Residents on Belmont street asked for water mains in their street. Referred to the general superintendent.

The Chicago & West Michigan Railroad company and the Detroit, Lansing & Northern Railroad company asked to have the grade line on Calder street so not to interfere with the approaches to the freight house. The board will investigate and take such measures as it deems best in the premises.

C. V. C. Ganson and several others appeared before the board in regard to the grade line of certain streets on the East End Improvement company's plan near the city limits.

Twenty-three residents on Madison avenue, near Burton avenue, asked for water mains. Referred to the superintendent.

The Plainfield Avenue Gravel Road company complained of the condition in which Plainfield avenue has been left by the sewer contractor. Referred to the city engineer to order the contractors to replace the street in good condition.

Residents on Scribner street asked that natural cedar blocks be used on the street instead of machine made blocks. Placed on file.

Mr. Clark, residing on Sherman street, asked to have the sidewalk left up so as to save shade trees. The engineer was instructed to order the contractor to leave the sidewalk up.

The following contracts were let: Coldbrook creek extension, to C. Prange for \$7,000; sewer in Broadway, to James O'Hara, for \$113.35; sewer in Beutwick street, to John DeBrin, for \$750. Approximate estimates were made as follows: Thompson court improvement, \$988.40; west Leonard street improvement, \$2,870; south College avenue, \$1,920; Bradburn street, \$1,427; Third street, \$1,113.90; sewer in Ransom street, \$24,140; Innes avenue sewer, \$4,395; Watrous avenue sewer, \$470.70; sewer in alley between Goodrich and Bartlett streets, \$22,772; grading alley north of Crescent avenue, \$190; Logan street grade, \$11,304; Logan street sewer, \$1,228.50.

Unusual Conscience.

Something rare in the line of conscientiousness happened to the Kent, Allegan and Ottawa Insurance company yesterday. In 1877 a man at Hopkins, Allegan county, who was insured with the company, was burned out. The advertisement fixed the amount of loss, but through some error he was paid \$10 in excess. The other day he yielded to the quakings of the inward monitor and wrote asking how much he owed the company. It was found that the interest and principal amounted to \$27.50, and yesterday the company received the amount from the man who has cleared his conscience.

Candidates for Chairmen.

So far the names of Supervisors N. D. Emmons of Wyoming, S. T. Colson of Caledonia, and H. D. Proctor of Cascade have been mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of the board of supervisors at the coming special session. The board is republican and the chairmanship will go to that party.

Wonderful Monstrosity.

The society pug dog calf, on exhibition at 24 Monroe street, has created quite a furor. People having read a previous announcement thought it a joke, but this is not the case. The thousands that have seen it pronounce it a wonderful curiosity, as the head and body represents the exact image of a pug dog, while the rest is of a species of a calf. Under each hoof there is the two claws of a dog. It was born at the Muskegon stock yards, and will be one of the Muskegon exhibits at the world's fair. W. K. Hulbert, the taxidermist, has kindly consented to leave it till Monday. Those wishing to see it can find it in the display window of the always the cheapest.

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A FINE 35 POUND hair mattress at \$12.50, is only one of the hundreds of great values to be had at Nelson, Matter & Co.'s great annual clearance furniture sale.

HEYMAN & COMPANY'S Grand opening occurs Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock and 7 to 9 in the evening. In their new block, one door south of their old premises.

Visitors to the world's fair can secure in advance first class accommodations in private family by addressing J. H. Wilson, 6554 Michigan avenue, Englewood, Chicago, Illinois, or inquire at room 85, Gilbert block, city. Is within sight of grounds.

TORTURING ECZEMA

Editor Iowa Plain Dealer Cured of Insufferable Itching and Pain by the Cuticura Remedies.

No Less Than Five Physicians Consulted. Their Combined Wisdom Followed Without Benefit.

I am sixty-six years old. In August, 1929, was troubled with eczema, which was treated by five different physicians, but without benefit. It rapidly extended over the lower extremities until my legs were nearly raw and sore. From time to time the trouble extended across the hips, shoulders and the entire length of the arms. The legs and arms greatly swollen with an itching, burning pain, without cessation. Although the best medical advice obtainable was employed, no less than five physicians of the place being consulted and the prescriptions being the result of their combined wisdom, the disease, though apparently checked, would recur in a few days as bad as ever, during the progress of which I would feel away about twenty-five pounds. As an experiment I began the use of Cuticura, following the simple and plain instructions given with the same, and in four weeks found myself well, with the soft, soft natural skin, the itching and pain entirely relieved. W. R. MEAD, Editor Iowa Plain Dealer, Council Bluffs, Ia.

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Here lies the Tower's great secret in being busy all year around. This week in particular, although a little cool and a mite early to buy new Spring Clothes, will be a busy week. Oh, we will make you buy, or rather our prices will. We got a bonanza for you. We found a manufacturer, through over-production, in want of funds. We did not squeeze him—that is not our way. We were not in need of more clothes—we had mountains of clothing; but price brought us and we bought, and so

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1,000 Men's All-Wool Suits.....\$8.00 and \$10.00
Worth 33 per cent advance.

600 Men's Suits.....\$12.00 to \$15.00
Not one in the lot but cost \$3 more to manufacture and over.

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Ladies' Fine Kid, Button Shoes, with patent leather tips..... 1.00
Ladies' Fine Dongola, Tip, Lace and Button Shoes, hand turned..... 1.07
Ladies' Kangaroo Footform Shoes, seamless and easy for wear..... 1.83
Ladies' Cloth Top, Hand Turned, the loveliest shoe you ever saw..... 2.00
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